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TO: Members of the Executive & Audit Committee

FROM: F. King Alexander

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Potential Candidates for Anticipated Vacancies

I am pleased to enclose the names of individuals I recommend as potential candidates for the Board. For each of the individuals, I have enclosed a brief biography (provided in alphabetical order).

Each of these talented individuals has demonstrated leadership in their field, has a record of service, and is willing to serve on the Oregon State University Board of Trustees. All of these candidates bring diverse perspective, experiences and skills to complement the Board as a whole.

If the committee concurs with these recommendations, the Chair of the Board will submit the names for the Governor's consideration. We are hoping the Governor will make appointments and submit candidates for confirmation during the 2021 legislative session.

I look forward to the committee's consideration of these candidates.

**Penny Atkins**  
**Owner, Alta Consulting**  
**Caldwell, Idaho**

Ms. Atkins is the owner of Alta Consulting, LLC in Caldwell, Idaho. She is also affiliated with Sunset Land LLC and Alta Land LLC. She provides financial advice and support to her family's onion and crop farm. Ms. Atkins previously worked for a public accounting firm and was recruited to work for a startup company that took her to Montana and Boise, Idaho.



Ms. Atkins is a member of the OSU Foundation's Executive, Audit, and External Relations committees and serves as trustee liaison to the OSU Alumni Association Board (OSUAA). Ms. Atkins also serves as the chair of the OSU Student Affairs Leadership Council. She served on the OSUAA board from 2003 to 2013, including a term as president. In 2009, she and her husband established the Shero & Miyako Yano OSUAA Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide scholarships for high-achieving students from the Treasure Valley area of eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho. In 2014, she was honored with OSUAA's Jean & CH "Scram" Graham Leadership award.

Ms. Atkins grew up in the Treasure Valley, where her dad still grows onions and other row crops with her brother, also an OSU graduate. She earned her bachelor's in business administration from OSU in 1979.

**Ruth Beyer**  
**Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Precision**  
**Castparts Corporation**  
**Lake Oswego, Oregon**



Ruth Beyer has been Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Precision Castparts Corporation since April 1, 2013. Prior to that, she was Principal in the Portland office at Stoel Rives LLP, and served as the Managing Partner from 1995 to 2005.

Ms. Beyer served as chair of the advisory board of the OSU Honors College. She is a current member and past chair of the OSU Foundation Board. She is the co-founder of the OSU Women's Giving Circle, which is composed of alumnae and friends who pool their donations to fund vital and innovative grants for university programs relevant to women.

Ms. Beyer currently serves as vice chair of the Board of Directors of Oregon Health & Science University and as a member of the Beaver Caucus Board of Directors. She was previously a member and chair of the board of Marylhurst University and president at the Multnomah Bar Association. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Morrison Center since 2006. Ms. Beyer is a past recipient of the Award of Merit from the Multnomah Bar Association. Ms. Beyer is also on the board of nine other companies.

Ms. Beyer received a law degree from the University of Notre Dame and a bachelor's degree in political science from Oregon State University (1977).

**Román Hernández**  
**Office Managing Partner, Troutman Pepper**  
**Portland, Oregon**



Román Hernández is the Office Managing Partner of the Troutman Pepper Portland office. Mr. Hernández has a national litigation practice and focuses his practice in the areas of employment law and commercial litigation.

Mr. Hernández is a former National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). He is also a founder and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the HNBA Legal Education Fund, the HNBA's charitable foundation which develops pipeline programs for Hispanic youth considering entering the legal profession. In July 2020, he was appointed to the HNBA's Special Committee on Law Enforcement Reform and Racial Justice. He is the 2020 recipient of "The Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism Award" presented by the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism and the 2019 Recipient of the "President's Diversity & Inclusion Award" by the Oregon State Bar.

Mr. Hernández is a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Health & Science University and of the Oregon Community Foundation, the sixth largest community foundation in the nation with assets in excess of \$2 billion. He served on the City of Portland's Council of Economic Advisors, which advises on economic and workforce development priorities. In March 2020, Mr. Hernández was selected to serve on the Mayor's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force.

Mr. Hernández earned a bachelor's degree in general science from Oregon State University in 1992. While an OSU undergraduate, he was involved in campus groups such as the Hispanic Student Union, the Educational Opportunities Program, the Air Force ROTC program and the Arnold Air Society. As an alum, he has been engaged with the OSU Alumni Association to help rebuild alumni connections to OSU and each other through reviving the Chicano/a Latino/a Alumni Network. His law degree is from Lewis and Clark Law School.

**Grant Kitamura**  
**Partner, CEO/CFO**  
**Baker & Murakami Produce Co.**  
**Ontario, Oregon**



Grant Kitamura is a partner and serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Baker & Murakami Produce Company, a fresh onion packing entity in Ontario with local onion grower partners. Over the years, Kitamura has grown the business through automation and creative marketing. He is also president of Murakami Farms.

Mr. Kitamura serves on the Oregon Board of Agriculture and is secretary and treasurer of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee. He also serves as the president of the Malheur County Development Corporation, the entity charged with developing, planning and coordinating the proposed Treasure Valley Reload Center for transferring agricultural products from trucks to rail. He is also member and past trustee of the National Onion Association. Mr. Kitamura is a past board member of the St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Treasure Valley Community College Foundation, and OSU Alumni Association boards.

Mr. Kitamura has played a pivotal role in the community, including his key support and dedicated service to the Malheur Agricultural and Extension Coalition, and his dedicated working for the passage of the county Service District funding of the OSU Malheur Experiment Station and Extension office.

Born and raised in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Kitamura is the grandchild of Japanese immigrant parents who were interned during World War II. Mr. Kitamura's roots are in farming where he learned all aspects of production agriculture from his father.

Mr. Kitamura earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Oregon State University. In 2013, he received the Alumni Hall of Fame Award from OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences.

**Arnie Roblan**  
**Oregon State Senator, Coos Bay - SD 5**  
**Coos Bay, Oregon**



Senator Arnie Roblan represents the central Oregon coast comprising the 5th Senate District, which includes a 200-mile stretch of the Oregon coast.

For the 2018 legislative biennium, Senator Roblan served as Chair of the Senate Education Committee, as well as on the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Senate Rules Committee. He is also a member of the Joint Ways and Means Committee and serves on the Education Subcommittee. Recently, Senator Roblan was named co-Chair of the bipartisan, bicameral education committee to explore best practices employed in Oregon’s most successful schools and address the gaps that are limiting students’ success in other schools.

A long-time public servant, Senator Roblan brings 34 years as an educator – having worked as a math teacher and ultimately the role of principal at Marshfield High School – as well as four terms as a state representative, including two terms as co-speaker and one term as a state senator. In 2011, the Oregon Business Association named him the Statesman of the Year.

Senator Roblan was a member of the Coastal Caucus, a longstanding bicameral bipartisan group of legislators that address issues on behalf of coastal and rural Oregonians by building consensus on ways to promote regional prosperity. Each year, Senator Roblan and his colleagues in the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus State legislators host the Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit - a two-day summit to discuss strategies for economic development in the region.

Senator Roblan also served as President of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), a public-private non-profit created by statute in 1991 by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. PNWER members work toward increasing the economic well-being and quality of life for citizens of the region, while maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.

Senator Roblan earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington in 1971 and master’s degree from the University of Oregon in 1983. He has received the Milken Education Award and recognition as a distinguished alumnus by the UO.